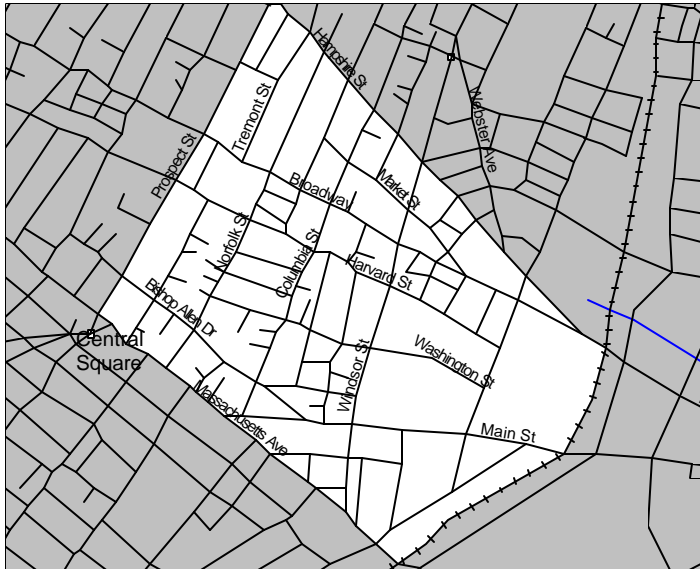
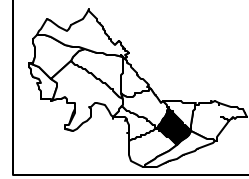


NEIGHBORHOOD 4

AREA 4



BOUNDARIES: bounded the B&A Railroad, Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Hampshire Street

POPULATION: 6,560 residents
2,523 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$24,665

Neighborhood #4 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers), and Car 4R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 4A, 4B, and 4C, and parts of Central square walking route 10X.

2002 FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

Six of the seven **street robberies** (+16%) in Area 4 during the first quarter of 2002 were in the middle of the week between 11PM and 1AM. Knives were brandished in three of the incidents and handguns shown in two other robberies. Three of the robberies were between the 50 to 100 block of Norfolk Street. Intersections along Market Street were also designated as potential robbery hot spots. • The majority of the **drug arrests** (+200%) in Area 4 during the first three months of 2002 were for street level sale of crack cocaine. In four of the six arrests in this area, the buyers were non-residents of the neighborhood. The Special Investigative Unit's defining arrest in this area during the quarter was the result of a search warrant on an Eaton Street residence. Crack cocaine and marijuana were found on the property and the resident was arrested. • Despite the fact the **malicious destruction** (-4%) declined slightly, this target crime remains a major problem in Area 4. Over the past two decades, there have been consistently over 100 vandalisms in this area every year. Graffiti is concentrated along Columbia Street and near the 200 block of Harvard Street. Sporadic tire slashing and windshield smashing occurs on Washington and Norfolk Street. Analysis of arrest data for this crime indicates the major offender is a local juvenile or a homeless person traversing the neighborhood. •

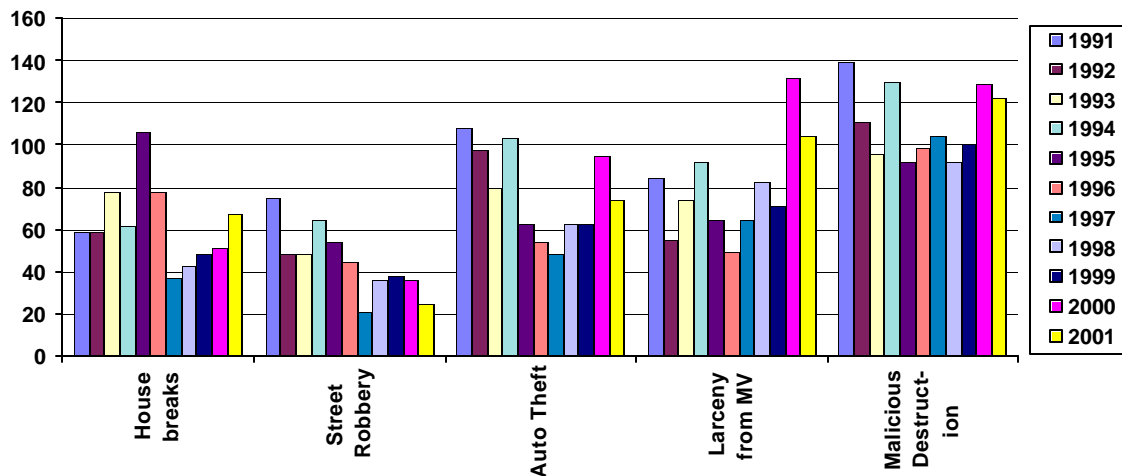
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS FIRST QUARTER 2001 & 2002

CRIME	1 st Q 2001	1 st Q 2002	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	15	13	-13%
Street Robbery	6	7	+16%
Auto Theft	17	10	-41%
Larceny from MVs	39	9	-77%
Malicious Destruction	24	23	-4%
Drug Arrests	2	6	+200%

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Area 4 has a primarily residential population (slightly less than average for the city's neighborhoods) along with a series of commercial establishments along Massachusetts Avenue. It is characterized by two and three family houses, large apartment buildings, and two public housing developments (Newtowne Court and Washington Elms).

- The highest levels of street robbery and drug arrests have historically plagued area 4. Street robbery generally occurs after 9:00 P.M. on weekends. Many of these incidents are located in or near Central Square—a “hot spot” because of its high pedestrian traffic, its MBTA subway stop, and its proximity to the Cambridgeport bars. Other hot spots for both crimes include Bishop Allen Drive, Washington Street, Harvard Street, Windsor Street, and Broadway. In recent years, community crime watches, the Cambridge Housing Authority, and the Cambridge Police Special Investigations Unit have succeeded in dispersing many of the drug incidents away from the residential areas.
- **Housebreaks** are higher than average in Area 4. The neighborhood is a target because of its densely packed residential population. The Crime Analysis Unit generally identifies two or three patterns a year that sweep both Mid-Cambridge and Area 4.
- Automobile related crimes such as **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction of property** are average to slightly higher than average for a neighborhood of Area 4's population. All three crimes, however, have registered general decreases since the 1980s.
- Sennott Park, at night, has experienced problems with drug use, assault, and bicycle theft. Cambridge Police “Park and Walks” in the area have helped abate these crimes.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AREA 4 TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*
Housebreaks	101	5	59	4	2
Street Robbery	75	1	48	1	2
Auto Theft	147	3	78	3	2
Larceny from MVs	134	2	77	4	1
Malicious Destruction	131	3	109	4	2

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest